

R873. Tax Commission, Motor Vehicle.

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R873-22M-24. Salvage Vehicle Definitions Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. Sections 41-1a-1001 and 41-1a-1002.

A. "Cosmetic repairs" means repairs that are not necessary to promote the structural soundness or safety of the vehicle or to prevent accelerated wear or deterioration.

1. Cosmetic repairs include:
 - a) cracks or chips in windows if the vehicle will pass a safety inspection;
 - b) paint chips or scratches that do not extend below the rust preventive primer coating;
 - c) decals or decorative paint;
 - d) decorative molding and trim made from plastic, light metal, or other similar material;
 - e) hood ornaments;
 - f) wheel covers;
 - g) final coats of paint applied over any rust preventive primer, primer surfacer, or primer sealer;
 - h) vinyl roof covers or imitation convertible tops;
 - i) rubber inserts in bumpers or bumper guards; and
 - j) minor damage to seats, dashboard, door panels, carpet, headliner, or other interior components if the damage does not affect the comfort of the driver or passengers, or the safe operation of the vehicle.

2. Cosmetic repairs do not include:
 - a) primer coats or sealer necessary to prevent deterioration of any structural body component, such as fenders, doors, hood, or roof;
 - b) repair or replacement of any sheet metal;
 - c) repair or replacement of exterior or interior body panels;
 - d) repair or replacement of mounting or attachment brackets and all other components and attaching hardware associated with the body of the vehicle; and
 - e) cracks or chips in windows if the vehicle will not pass a safety inspection.

3. The determination of whether a specific repair is cosmetic shall be made by the Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division.

B. "Collision estimating guide recognized by the Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division" means the current edition of the:

1. Mitchell Collision Estimating Guide;
2. Motor Estimating Guide;
3. Delmar Auto Series Complete Automotive Estimating;
4. CCC Autobody Systems EZEst Software;
5. ADP Collision Estimating Services; or
6. an equivalent estimating guide recognized by the industry.

C. For purposes of Section 41-1a-1002, the determination of whether a vehicle is seven years old or older is made by subtracting the model year of the vehicle from the current calendar year.

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